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SUBJECT: KUWAITI UNIONS CALL FOR REDUCTION OIL

PRODUCTION, NATIONALIZATION US OIL INTERESTS

REF: KUWATI 3739

1. GENERAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF
KUWAITI LABOR UNIONS REPORTED REFTEL ADOPTED TEN RE-
SOLUTIONS, FOUR OF WHICH DEALT WITH COLLECTION OF BLOOD
AND MONEY FROM WORKERS AND UNIONS. OTHER SIX CALLED
FOR:

A. CUTTING OIL PRODUCTION BY FIFTY PERCENT

B. TAKING OVER US (GULF) SHARE OF KOC AND NATIONALIZING
AMINOIL "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" IN RETALIATION US INTER-
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VENTION IN WAR OF LIBERATION

C. PERMANENT STOPPAGE OF OIL FLOW TO US

D. APPEALING TO ALL POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS HOLD GENERAL MEETING AIMED AT UNIFIED STAND IN EXECUTING THESE DECISIONS,

E. ADOPTING OIL WORKERS RESOLUTION SUMMARIZED PARA 2 REFTTEL, AND,

F. EXPRESSING THANKS TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, NOTABLY SOVIET UNION.

2. COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO CONVEY RESOLUTIONS TO PRIME MINISTER.

3. COMMENT; LACK OF OVERLY INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE INDICATES GOK PROBABLY URGED MODERATION ON UNION LEADERSHIP. EXTREMISM CONFINED TO SUPPORT FOR EARLIER OIL WORKERS RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED FOR, INTER ALIA, "DESTROYING OIL AND PETROCHEMICAL INSTALLATIONS, IF NECESSARY". CALLING FOR FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION OIL PRODUCTION RATHER THAN FULL STOPPAGE REFLECTS OPINION VOICED BY LEFTIST MEMBERS PARLIAMENT AND OTHERS THAT THIS SUFFICIENT APPLY PRESSURE ON WEST WHILE MAINTAINING ADEQUATE INCOME FOR KUWAIT. EMBASSY INFORMED BY COMPANY REPS THAT PRODUCTION SO FAR REMAINS HIGH, STORAGE TANKS ARE FULL AND THERE NO ADDITIONAL TANKERS AVAILABLE, SO PRODUCTION COULD BE REDUCED WITH LITTLE SHORT TERM EFFECT.
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